Cuicatec language

Cuicatec is an Oto-Manguean language spoken in Oaxaca, Mexico. It belongs to the Mixtecan branch together with the Mixtec languages and the Trique language. The Ethnologue lists two major dialects of Cuicatec: Tepeuxila Cuicatec and Teutila Cuicatec. Like other Oto-Manguean languages, Cuicatec is tonal.

The <u>Cuicatecs</u> are closely related to the <u>Mixtecs</u>. They inhabit two towns: <u>Teutila</u> and <u>Tepeuxila</u> in western Oaxaca. According to the 2000 census, they number around 23,000, of whom an estimated 65% are speakers of the language. [4] The name *Cuicatec* is a <u>Nahuatlexonym</u>, from ['kwika]'song' ['teka]'inhabitant of place of'. [5]

Cuicatec-language programming is carried by the <u>CDI</u>'s radio station XEOJN, based in San Lucas Ojitlán, Oaxaca.

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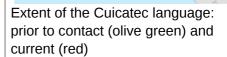
Phonology

Vowels

The Santa Maria Papalo dialect contains six vowel sounds both oral and nasal:

	Front	Back	
Close	iĩ	u ũ	
B.A.i.al	_ ~	οõ	
<u> </u>	Mid e ẽ	o õ	
Open	a ã		

Cuic	atec		
Native to	Mexico		
Region	Oaxaca		
Ethnicity	Cuicatec		
Native speakers	13,000 (2010 census) ^[1]		
Language	Oto-Manguean		
family	Mixtecan		
	Cuicatec		
Writing system	Latin		
Languag	je codes		
ISO 639-3	Either: cux – Tepeuxila cut – Teutila		
Glottolog	cuic1234 (htt p://glottolog.o rg/resource/lan guoid/id/cuic12 34) ^[2]		
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Consonants

		Bilabial	Dental	Palatal Velar plain lat	ar	Glottal	
		Dilabiai	Dental		plain	lab.	Giottai
Plosive		р	t		k	kw	?
Affricate				t∫			
Fricative	voiceless		s				
	voiced	β	ð		γ	λ _m	
Na	Nasal		n				
Rhotic			r, r				
<u>Approximant</u>			I	j		W	

Allophones of the following sounds $\beta \delta y n i t f$ include [b d $q \sim x \eta i \theta$], respectively.

Notes

- 1. INALI (2012) *México: Lenguas indígenas nacionales* (http://site.inali.gob.mx/pdf/libro_lenguas_indigenas_nacionales_en_riesgo_de_desaparicion.pdf)
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- 3. The proposal to group Mixtec, Trique and Cuicatec into a single family (none more closely related to one than to the other) was made by Longacre (1957) with convincing evidence.
- 4. Website of the Comisión Nacional para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas, http://www.cdi.gob.mx/index.php?id_seccion=660, accessed 28 July 2008.
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